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## Ware chosen for hands-on learning

Could be example of best practices in 21st learning

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE — As one of three chosen school districts in the state through a grant, Ware Middle School is gearing up to begin its partnership with i2 Learning, and excitement is building in the district about the hands-on learning in Science Technology Engineering and Math to come, according to Ware School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo.

In 2020, the Ware Middle School will run a series of immersive one-week STEM programs and then a full year of a interdisciplinary program in the 2021-22 school year, with Ware teachers working closely with i2 Learning to develop it, she said. They will also get extensive professional development in project-based teaching and STEM curriculum, she said. And the grant pays for all of the materials, supplies and training will be provided by i2 Learning.

"We need to give students the skills to be successful in a rapidly-changing world where tomorrow's opportunities and challenges haven't even been considered yet," DiLeo said. "Through this opportunity our teachers will work in collaboration with i2 Learning



Ware Public School students showing off a STEM project they created and won in a statewide STEM showcase in Boston in October. Now Ware Public Schools will help develop a STEM program, with the help of i2 Learning, which will benefit Ware students and teachers, and possibly offer best practices for districts across the state.

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## School regionalization report to be discussed

Meeting on Jan. 29 at WJSHS

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff meeting

WARE — On Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 p.m., at the Ware Junior Senior High School auditorium, the School Committee and Board of Selectmen will hold a joint meeting to discuss the first phase of the school regionalization study. The study was funded within the budget at the Annual Town Meeting last spring.

Selectmen have pursued discussions with the School Committee over the last 18 to 24 months, which resulted in Town Meeting voters approving a study to investigate the possibilities of regionalizing with another school system to save money.

The first phase of the study has been completed by The Management Solution, of Auburn, which states in the report that it doesn't make recommendations about whether schools should regionalize, but rather delineates the challenges

## Board approves additional police officer

A second officer will be budgeted

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARREN — Selectmen unanimously approved the hiring of an additional police officer for this fiscal year, which ends in June, after discussing staffing levels with Police Chief Gerald Millette.

They also agreed to approve the

continuation of that position and the addition of a second officer in the next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

Millette recommended the hiring of two additional officers based on a police staffing audit conducted by consultants Public Safety Consultants LLC, of Pocasset. After surveying the police departments in Warren and surrounding towns, the company determined Warren had a low officer to resident ratio and recommendation two officers be added.

Warren has a ratio of 1.3 officers per 1,000 residents, and a population of 5,177, according to the report, while the state average is 1.9 officers to residents. The national average is 2.2 officers per 1,000 residents, according to the report. Currently, Warren has seven full-time officers.

Other nearby communities, such as Ware, with 9,900 residents has 20 full-time officers.

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## Local nonprofits receive Baystate grants



The Quaoag Connector is one of a number of programs that Baystate Wing Hospital grants will benefit. It allows people in Quaoag Hills towns, including Palmer and Ware, low-cost rides to education, work, medical appointments and workforce training.

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## Money for two road projects released

CDBG funds shifted to duplex property

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARREN — Selectmen Tuesday approved two requests for the release of Chapter 90 funds by Highway Surveyor Jeremy Olson.

He said he plans to shim and overlay High Street, from Maple to Bridge streets, installing a Cape Cod berm and having the sidewalks repaved after they are dug out and redone. The second project is more substantial as he plans to completely remake Old Douglas Road, which is 6,690 feet long, has 4,300 feet of drainage, and needs tree work and guardrails installed for safety.

Three years ago last November, three students at Quaboag Regional Middle High School died in a one-car crash on that road.

"If it's going to be done, it should be done right," he said. "It should last for the next 25 to 30 years."

Olson said the town will save as much as \$350,000 in excavating costs because the Highway Department will do its own work instead of contracting it out. He estimated it would cost the town \$150,000 instead of \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Olson said the town already

has all the money for the projects in hand.

Selectman John Nason asked Olson to provide the board with a list of prioritized streets in the near future, which he agreed to do.

### CDBG projects

Selectmen approved using leftover money from fiscal 2017 Community Development Block Grant Fund projects for a fiscal 2018 project that has run short of money.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Senior Planner Christopher Dunphy told selectmen the Quaboag Street infrastructure project, which was a combination of CDBG and MassWorks funds, actually saved some CDBG money. The left over CDBG money was repurposed, with approval by the state, to go toward designing the rehabilitation of three nearby streets, Prospect, School and Otis streets, and some also went to replacing older windows in the Senior Center. After those projects there is still just shy of \$40,000, which Dunphy requested selectmen put toward a housing rehabilitation project in town that has run into some problems.

The housing project was part of the fiscal 2018 CDBG housing

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A program offering free trees to residents will continue over the next three years. It started this past October, when the first of what will be 1,000 trees were planted in Grenville Park on Church Street as seen above.

## EQLT reminds public of free tree program

By Shelby Macri

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WARE — East Quabbin Land Trust Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw came before selectmen Tuesday to discuss its tree grant program so more people will learn about the free trees it is offering to residents. Henshaw explained a few of the positive effects that this program would

have on the center of Ware.

Certain downtown areas and neighborhoods of Ware have been selected as part of the program so the town's canopy cover will increase, public health will improve and home energy use can be lowered, she said. A local arborist will be in touch with home and land owners to discuss

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**FREE THROW CHALLENGE** The Ware Knights of Columbus Council #183 will hold a basketball free throw challenge on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m., at the Ware Middle School gym for boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Registration is at 1 p.m., with challenge at 1:15 p.m. Parent or guardian is required for participation and they need to bring birth certificates for each child who is participating. This is a free event.

**TEA, CHOCOLATE AND CHEESE** The Warren Public Library, at 934 Main St., will offer Tea, Chocolate and Cheese: A History and Tasting on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. It will be a fun, educational talk highlighting the history and health benefits of tea and dark chocolate. Brewing a proper cup of tea, as well as the tenets of the Tea Ceremony, will be discussed. Includes samplings of tea infusions, various chocolate creations and cheeses, as well as trivia and poetry to accompany them.

This event is free. For more information contact the Warren Public Library at 413-436-7690.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** The 12th Annual Hearts for Heat Spaghetti Dinner is being held on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the North Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria. The snow date is Feb. 29. As usual, the Hayden Masonic Lodge, North Brookfield PTO, Hannaford's Supermarket, North Brookfield High School Honor Society, and Valley View School students will be joining forces. The Otters be providing the musical ambiance. Tickets are \$8 or \$25 for a family of four or more and are sold only at the door. Takeout is available. There will also be a number of raffle items.

**TRI-PARISH LAY SPEAKER** – The Sunday, Jan. 26 worship service of the Tri-Parish Community Church will be held at 10 a.m. in the New Braintree Congregational Church. Lay speaker will be Ginny Rich, a long-time member and deaconess.

**TURKEY DINNER** The United Church of Ware on Church Street will hold a turkey dinner on Monday, Jan. 27, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Take-out dinners are available from 5 to 5:30 p.m. It is \$12 for people 11 and older and children under 10 are free. Credit cards are expected. There will be turkey and the fix-ins with potatoes, stuffing, veggie, roll, coffee, tea and dessert. To learn more call the church office at 413-967-9981.

**FREE MEDITATION** The Centered Place yoga studio in Warren is hosting a free Meditation Satsang taught by Swami Sahajananda, Friday evening, Jan. 31, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Swami Sahajananda lives in a yoga retreat and training center in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, and teaches internationally. "Satsang" is a Sanskrit word meaning "gathering together to be with the truth, to experience your inherent divinity." This free program includes instruction in meditation as well as a discourse on the principles of spiritual life and practice. Attendees will learn the wisdom of the great sages of yesterday and how to apply their insights for living today. The program includes a few minutes of

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Can you identify these two women and what they're doing in this photo from the Jan. 31, 1991 edition of the Ware River News? Send your answers to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).

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We skipped a few years last week when we ran a photo from the Jan. 21, 2010 edition of the Ware River News, which featured Cub Scout Liam Flynn using wind power to float his boat.

[tor.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:tor.paigelibrary@gmail.com) or call 413-477-6704.

**KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB** The Gilbertville Public Library holds a knitting and crochet club meeting every Thursday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come no matter their level of experience. Come and learn, lessons are given from 3 to 4 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

**HOMEMADE MEAL DELIVERY** All Saints Church is starting a hot homemade meal delivery for anyone in Ware called Take and Eat, which will be available on the first Saturday of each month. The church would like to know of anyone, yourselves included, who would benefit for getting a hot homemade meal once a month. There is no charge for the meal and there are no qualifications in getting the meal. Just asking for it is enough. Please call the rectory office at 413-967-4963 and give the name and address of the person or persons who would like to receive the meal. The program is built on the gospel of Jesus Christ, "I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, ill and you cared for me."

**WARE FUEL BANK** The Ware Fuel Bank has once again received generous donations from local businesses and has funds to help Ware residents who are facing interruption of utility service during the heating season. The only requirement is being a Ware resident with proof of low-income status or a financial crisis. The United Church of Ware administers this program. Those who need help or those wanting more information should call the church at 413-967-9981.

**NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT** Ware Community Theatre is seeking new members. It is a nonprofit organization interested in enhancing Ware's culture by producing live performances, readings and solo persons of interest that may include musicals, dramas, local and national historical productions and timely events. They meet monthly on the third Monday at Workshop13, 13 Church St., Ware at 7 p.m. Please call 413-544-8381 with any questions.

**COMMUNITY DINNER STARTS** The Ware Senior Center, at 1 Robbins Road will hold free community dinners on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in January. All ages are welcome at the dinner.

**NARCAN TRAINING** The Ware Fire Department and the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance are sponsoring free nasal Narcan (Naloxone) trainings on the first Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Narcan or Naloxone is a medication that can rapidly reverse an overdose from prescription opioids or heroin. It can be purchased without a prescription at local pharmacies. If you or a loved one uses opioids, it is recommended to have Narcan and know how to use it. The free trainings will be held at the Ware Fire Department at 200 West Street. No appointments or pre-registrations are necessary, and those wishing to get the training can just walk in.

chanting as well as a meditation. These practices make it easy to open and become aware of the source of joy within, and to integrate what is learned into one's life. Please register by calling 413-436-7374 or email [info@thecenteredplace.com](mailto:info@thecenteredplace.com).

**SLIDESHOW TOUR** The New Braintree Historical Commission and New Braintree Historical Society proudly present a free event entitled, "The Brick Store," on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m., the New Braintree Town Hall, at 20 Memorial Drive. It will be a slideshow tour narrated by Doug Waugh. It is expected to last about an hour and 45 minutes, with an intermission. Refreshments will be served. The Snow date will be Sunday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. For more information go online to [www.newbraintreehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.newbraintreehistoricalsociety.org).

**SHARING ART** Come feel the love at ArtWorks in February, when several of the area's favorite local artists share the love stories that inspired some of their works. Enjoy a rare glimpse behind the canvas, and find out how these artists turned their love stories into remarkable works of art. Bring a sweetheart and join ArtWorks for a special Valentine-themed artists' reception on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The artists' work will be on display as well as their stories from Jan. 31 through Feb. 27 at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St. in Ware. ArtWorks is open on Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.. To learn more about ArtWorks, go online to [workshop13.org/gallery](http://workshop13.org/gallery), call 413-277-6069 or email [artsworks@workshop13.org](mailto:artsworks@workshop13.org).

## ONGOING activities

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**FAMILY GAME NIGHT** will be held at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. People can sign up for the checkers tournament, enjoy lots of games, coloring or Legos. This program is made possible by a cultural council grant.

**WARE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA**, Circle 106 has temporarily changed its meeting place. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meetings will be at the home of Carol DeSantis, 307 Belchertown Road, Ware, the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Notify Charlene at 413-813-8557 whether you are able to attend.

**TEA, TREATS AND TALK** are what Tea Party Thursdays are all about at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Hardwick. There are so many delightful people to meet. Come make new friends, meet old acquaintances and share conversation. Just come for tea (or coffee) or come propose a new activity. Meet at the Paige on Thursdays at 3 p.m. For more information email direc-



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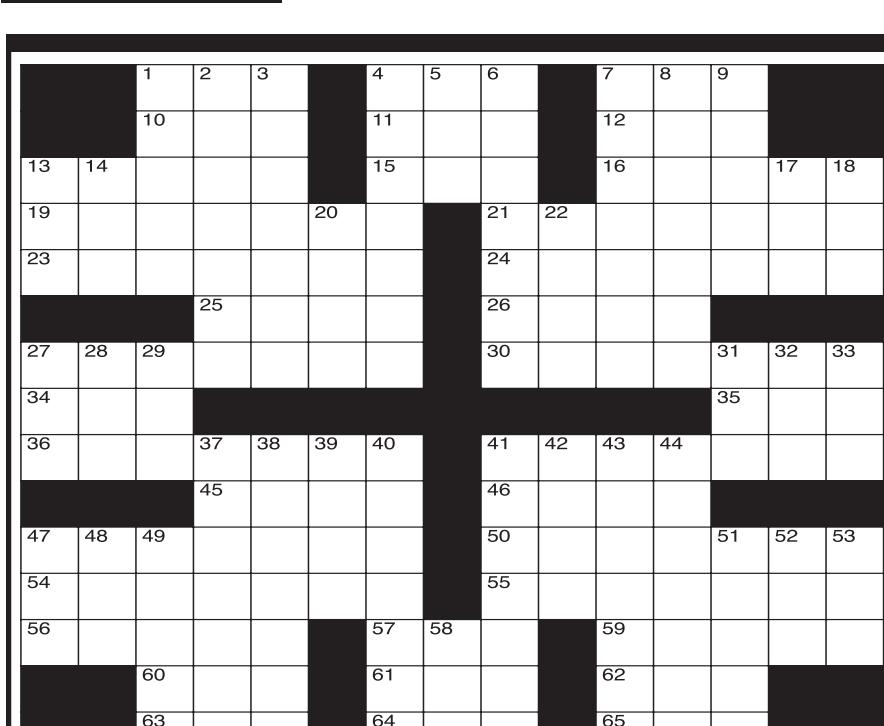
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- Grain
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- Endure without complaint
- Chinese-American actress Ling
- Edible stomach lining
- Sunrooms
- Feared
- Most eager
- Excessive chatting session
- MLB ace
- Major Central European river
- Muscular weaknesses
- Where seedlings germinate
- Former monetary

### unit of the EU

- Personal ads abbreviation
- Mythical animal
- Members of Orthodox Jewish sect
- German city
- Algerian coastal city
- Military men
- Salt of sulfuric acid
- Mixture
- Recommended quantities
- 007's creator
- Men
- Kids need it
- Midway between east and east-northeast
- OJ trial judge
- Yes vote
- USDA branch that manages the FCIC
- Create with cloth

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- London and Brooklyn
- are two
- One-time Ugandan capital
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- Rebuke
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## Cornerstone Bank makes \$40,000 donation

WORCESTER – Cornerstone Bank is proud to announce its recent donation of \$40,000 to the Worcester Community Action Council. This major financial contribution will go toward assisting local residents with home heating costs.

WCAC is a Worcester-based agency for central Massachusetts, dedicated to helping people move toward economic self-sufficiency through programs, partnerships, and advocacy. This donation will support the agency's Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund. Every year, this fund provides critical support to clients who are most vulnerable to high home heating costs and whose needs often extend beyond what they receive in federal assistance.

"WCAC is a vital organization that helps people gain economic self-sufficiency," said Cornerstone Bank Chairman and CEO K. Michael Robbins. "We're proud to support their mission and the many programs they provide to the community and its residents."

"We are pleased to contribute to such a worthwhile agency that provides critical support to many local individuals and families," said Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. "We are committed to helping our neighbors stay warm during the winter season."

The Worcester Community Action Council is the federally-designated community action council



Pictured here left to right are Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer Todd M. Tallman, Worcester Community Action Council Director of Energy Resources Mary E. Knittle; Cornerstone Bank Chairman and CEO K. Michael Robbins and Worcester Community Action Council Director of Development Ellen M. Ganley.

agency for central Massachusetts. Each year, they assist over 75,000 people living in Worcester and surrounding towns through a variety of economic self-sufficiency and emergency programs. For more information about the WCAC go online to [www.wcac.net](http://www.wcac.net) or by calling 508-754-1176.

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## QUABOAG REGIONAL STUDENTS VISIT STATE HOUSE

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd Smola (R-Warren) met with the Quaboag Regional Middle School 21st Century Debate Club during a recent visit to the State House. The Debate Club is run by teacher Annie Scanlan-Emigh and meets for two hours each week. The 21st Century after school program is funded by a grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

## Free Meditation Satsang at The Centered Place

WARREN – The Centered Place yoga studio in Warren is hosting a free Meditation Satsang taught by Swami Sahajananda, Friday evening, Jan. 31, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Swami Sahajananda lives in a yoga retreat and training center in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, and teaches internationally. "Satsang" is a Sanskrit word meaning "gathering together to be with the truth, to experience your inherent divinity."

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As they were discussing the audit Selectmen Chairman Dario Nardi urged fellow selectmen Marc Richard and John Nason, to take action.

"We've put this off for a good seven to eight months," he said as suggested the board take action. "We need to make a decision and stop talking, put pen to paper one way or the other." He said a decision should be based on what would make the community and the officers safe.

"It's time to talk the talk and walk the walk," said Richard in agreement.

Nardi asked Millette if there were enough cruisers, radios and other equipment for additional officers, and he said there were. Millette said the shifts were already being filled, either through overtime or part-time officers.

Nardi also said hiring additional officers should help with police overtime costs, although Millette cautioned that a year with more

officers would be necessary to see how the department weathered holidays and vacations.

Nardi said some officers were working as many as 80 and 100 hours a week, which he doesn't think is safe for the officers.

The state is also determining what to do about raising the training requirements for part-time police officers, which will mean they all need additional training if changes are made, Millette said. Part-time officers would still be used to fill in for vacations and days off.

Also, a new contract with the police officers union was settled recently, Nardi said, and the board is hopeful the officers see that the selectmen support them.

The report also found that the town has twice the state average of violent crime: 6.47 crimes per 1,000 residents while the state average is 3.58 per 1,000 residents and the national average is 3.68 per 1,000 residents. Nardi said he was "a little bit shocked" at Warren's rate.

## Nomination papers available

WARREN/WEST BROOKFIELD – Town Clerks of Warren, Nancy J. Lowell, and West Brookfield, Sarah J. Allen, announced nomination papers are available on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, for the annual Town Election, which will be held on Tuesday, May 5.

Office hours to pick the papers are as follows: In Warren on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday, from 1 to 6 p.m., and in West Brookfield on Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

Quaboag Regional School Committee nomination papers will be available for pick up on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Quaboag Regional/Middle High School Superintendent's Office, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. School Committee positions open are two members from Warren and two members from West Brookfield for three-year terms.

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For more information, go online to [www.brookfieldsrotary.org](http://www.brookfieldsrotary.org).

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rehabilitation project, which was designed to rehab 17 homes. One of the homes is a large duplex, and under CDBG rules the limit that can be spent is \$80,000 for a two-unit home, he said. A waiver can be requested, under special circumstances, according to CDBG guidelines, he said.

The project was found to have extensive lead paint issues, with a child living there having already tested positive for lead, he said. There are also extensive roof and window problems, he said, and the low bidder on the project came in at \$117,000. If the additional \$40,000 were added to the existing \$80,000, the project could go forward.

Dunphy also said a permanent lien would be put on the property so the town could be reimbursed if it were sold. Under the program guidelines, the owner must agree to offer the second unit at an affordable rent for Warren as determined by the state and CDBG program, he said.

Participants in the CDBG housing rehabilitation program must meet low and middle-income guidelines, and properties must be located in certain areas to qualify for funds.

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## EDITORIAL

## Tax break ends decades of delay

Two decades ago, voters in Massachusetts asked for a 5 percent income tax, and it's taken this long for Beacon Hill to comply. As of several weeks ago, the "temporary" income tax hike instituted by Gov. Mike Dukakis in 1989 is finally history.

It's history worth remembering, especially since so many people are too young to remember it all: Massachusetts' state income tax was 5 percent as the state faced a budget crunch in the late 1980s, and Dukakis and the Legislature raised it to a "temporary" 5.95 percent, intended to last a year and a half, to meet the crisis. Instead of repealing this tax, the state raised the rate again in 1990, to 6.25 percent. There were reductions in 1992 and 2000, but it was still 5.85 percent a decade after the "temporary" hikes.

In 2000, voters approved a plan to reduce the income tax to 5.6 percent in 2001, 5.3 in 2002 and 5.0 in 2003. Though this was a binding question with 60 percent support, the Legislature passed a law in 2002 replacing the last two years of the timeline with a new plan to reduce the tax by 0.05 percent annually whenever certain state revenue targets were met. That meant it would have taken at least 12 years to get back to 5 percent, rather than the two remaining years that voters had demanded. It actually took 18 years, because revenues missed their benchmarks during some recession years.

Whether the Dukakis tax hike was necessary or helpful isn't the point. Whether the 2000 tax rollback vote was necessary or helpful isn't the point. The fact is that the voters of Massachusetts asked for a 5 percent income tax. They deserved the fruits — including any negative consequences — of this decision. Instead, their elected "public servants" subverted their will with a delay tactic that lasted nearly two decades.

Sadly, this income tax rollback isn't happening because legislators and the governor finally wised up to the fact that they work for us. It's happening because the economy is healthy and state revenue is growing both from taxes on rising incomes and from several new sources — on marijuana sales, on legalized casinos, on Airbnb-style rentals. Massachusetts has finally hit all the economic targets.

It only took 18 years. Think about that. A one-month-old baby alive when the voters demanded a 5 percent income tax spent her entire childhood in a household where her parents paid a tax rate that voters had rejected; got her first job as a teenager and still paid a tax rate that voters had rejected; and was able to cast a ballot in 2018 for a Legislature and governor who had helped ensure that she and her parents were still being overtaxed.

And that's only counting back to the repeal vote. There are 30-year-olds with solid careers who have lived their entire lives during Dukakis' "temporary" state income tax hike. For the generation that has never paid a state income tax as low as 5 percent, this year's reduction is nothing but good news.

For those who have had to live with broken promises for three decades, there's only one thing to say about what this saga has done to their faith in politics — it's been taxing.

## GUEST COLUMN

### 'Well! It's about time!'

**W**ell! It's about time!" is an everyday expression. It can be said sarcastically if something has happened and sadly, by all appearances, something was really late or completely missed.

Or, perhaps we've said those words? "Well... It's about time!" when driving and someone has totally missed the green arrow or green light at an intersection? Or, maybe gasped those words when finally getting up to the cashier's register, with toddler and teen in tow, and exhausted, we dumping and sprawling items all over the counter?

However, rather than using "Well! It's about time!" as a negative note, let's explore wisdom's words in a positive way.

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Ralph H. Nichols, Athol

## GUEST COLUMN

### Fixing the system is up to all of us

By Lee H. Hamilton

Guest columnist

**Y**ou no doubt remember the old line attributed to Ben Franklin when he was asked what kind of government the Constitutional Convention had created: "A republic, if you can keep it!" Well, I've noticed an interesting thing in recent years: it's got bi-partisan appeal.

Last fall, for instance, within a few weeks of each other House Speaker Nancy Pelosi used it when she announced the impeachment inquiry and Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch, President Trump's first Court appointee, published a book using the line as its title. This is not just an ironic coincidence.

At a time when Americans are as polarized as I've ever seen them, and when a lot of people believe our system of representative democracy is under existential stress, there is still broad (though not universal) agreement on the answer to the most basic question of all: Do we want to keep it?

We may not be able to agree on values, cultural issues, national security, or the role of government. We may not trust people who disagree with us ideologically, or find it easy to carry on reasoned, civil political discourse. But we agree that we have to search for answers to our challenges, and that the foundations of our system matter: co-equal branches of government, a competent executive branch, an effective Congress, a robust judicial system, and respect for the rule of law.

The problem is, it's often hard to see that common ground. The world we live in is filled with forces that pull us apart: Class, religion, ethnicity, ideology, and perhaps above all, inequality of economic opportunity. Worse, our public dialogue emphasizes these differences, discourages citizens from listening to one another, and dismisses those who want to come together, build consensus, understand the facts, and arrive at a common vision for what to do about them. In other words, the debate we have discourages the very process we need if we're to change direction.

Our challenge, then, is how to get ourselves focused on good government in a time of multiplying distractions. How do we seek the facts, search for common ground, and take advantage of the virtues of our system, in particular its openness to change and reform, to improve it?

I'll reach here for something you hear football coaches say a lot when their teams are in trouble: It's time for us to get back to practicing the fundamentals. In fact, I'll go even further. We know that our system of representative democracy can work just fine. It's done so in the past, building on this nation's strengths, allowing us to manage our divisions and disagreements and changing social values, and creating a nation that was, for a long time, an example and a beacon to downtrodden people across the globe. So we have to up our game, all of us, and make it work again.

To do this we need to value the basics that got us here: openness, accountability, com-

mitment, discipline, and above all a sense that each of us, whether a Cabinet secretary or a judge or a member of Congress or a state legislator or a concerned community member, is committed to making our corner of the world work as best it can. Some of us will have the opportunity to attack big problems; most of us will not. But if we take inspiration from the history and strength of our key institutions, from Congress to our local school boards, and determine to build them up rather than tear them down, we can make a difference. Just as important, we need to choose our leaders wisely, electing men and women who echo our determination to improve on what we've spent centuries building.

I often hear people express how turned off and disgusted they are by our current circumstances. While I share their frustration, I don't in the least share their disdain. Democracy may be under attack for its imperfections, and there's no question that our system needs reforms. But let's not let that blind us to what it's brought us and the opportunities it offers all of us.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

### When should I claim my widow's benefit?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rusty:** My husband passed away at the age of 52, and I was 53. I am currently 59. I've read about and been encouraged to file for widow's benefits from Social Security when I turn 60. My question is: does doing that impact when I should file for my regular Social Security benefits? In reading on many websites regarding my question, this never is addressed on what is best. Signed: Widowed Survivor

**Dear Survivor:** You have my sympathy for the loss of your husband at such a young age. I'll try to clarify your options for you.

Provided you have not remarried you can claim your survivor benefit at age 60, but if you do, it will be reduced by 28.5 percent

from what it would be at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67. As long as you are explicit when claiming your survivor benefit that you are not also applying for your own Social Security benefit, there will be no negative impact to your eventual Social Security retirement benefit when you claim that. But, determining which benefit to take, and when, requires some thought.

Your goal should be to get the highest benefit possible for the rest of your life. To help you decide how and when to file, you should first see what your survivor benefit will be at your full retirement age (100 percent of what your husband

was entitled to at his death). If that amount is more than you are entitled to on your own at age 70, then you should consider waiting until age 67 (your FRA) to claim your widow's benefit, so you can get that higher survivor benefit for the rest of your life.

Conversely, if your own age 70 benefit will be more than your widow's benefit at your FRA, then claiming your widow's benefit first and allowing your own benefit to grow until age 70 when it reaches maximum would be the more prudent choice. You can get estimates of both your survivor benefit and your age 70 retirement benefit by contacting Social Security. But if claiming the survivor benefit at age 60 is what you decide, or if you were to instead claim your Social Security retirement benefits early (e.g., age 62) there's more for you to consider.

If you are collecting any Social Security benefits before you reach your full retirement age (FRA) and you are still working, you will be subject to Social Security's "earnings limit" which restricts the amount you can earn before they take back some of your benefits (the earnings limit changes annually; for 2020 it is \$18,240). Up until the year you reach your FRA, they will take back benefits equal to one half of any earnings you have over the limit. During the year you reach your FRA the limit increases by about 2.5 times and the penalty is less, and once you reach your FRA there is no longer a limit on

your earnings.

So, if you claim your survivor benefit at age 60 and are working, exceeding the earnings limit will result in you permanently losing some of your survivor benefits. If, instead, you claim your SS retirement benefit early (e.g., at age 62) you'll still be subject to the earnings limit until you reach age 67, but at your FRA they will give you time credit for any months you didn't get your retirement benefits and increase your benefit amount accordingly.

The important point to remember is that you have a choice of which benefit to take, and evaluating your options as described above should lead you to the right answer, whether you should claim your reduced survivor benefit at age 60, or to delay until it reaches maximum at age 67.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

it will be too late." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"You may delay, but time will not." – Benjamin Franklin

"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Time can be an ally or an enemy. What it becomes depends entirely upon you, your goals, and your determination to use every available minute." Zig Ziglar

"At the end of your life, you'll never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent." Barbara Bush

And, suggestions about the present time:

"Have regular hours for work and play, make each day both useful and pleasant, and prove that you understand the work of time by employing it well. The youth will bring few regrets, and life will become a beautiful success."

Louisa May Alcott

Whether it's the best of times

or the worst of times, it's the only time we get." Art Buckwald

"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present." Bill Keane, (Family Circle cartoonist.)

Now, you ask, "Are there quotes with wit and humor?" Yes! Well! It's about time to brighten up and lighten up:

"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time." Abraham Lincoln

"I'm going to stop putting things off, starting tomorrow." Sam Levenson.

"To make time fly, throw your watch out the window." Anonymous

"I'm not lazy, I'm waiting for inspiration to hit me...should be here anytime now." Anonymous

May these few moments inspire new thoughts about, "Well! It's about time!" Remember that "... today is a gift. That's why it's called the present."

receive college credit.

Ware schools are also pursuing Lead The Way grants, which are provided by Project Lead The Way, a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for pre-kindergarten through high school students and teachers across the U.S.

PLTW creates an engaging classroom environment and empowers students to develop and apply in-demand, transportable skills by exploring real-world challenges, according to PLTW's website.

Through its pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science, students not only learn technical skills, but also learn to solve problems, think critically and creatively, communicate and collaborate, and the grants provide teachers with the training, resources, and support they need to engage students in real-world learning, according to the company.

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Time by definition is difficult to grasp. It's a split second. It's when minutes morph into hours between sunrise and sunset creating a 24-hour day. And, perhaps in January 2020, it's timely to think over how we handle time? Are there wise words from our predecessors and today's peers?

"What then is time? If no one asks me, I know what it is. If I wish to explain it to him who asks, I do not know." Saint Augustine

"Time is the brush of God, as he paints his masterpiece on the heart of humanity." Ravi Zacharias

Time in the present; not in the past:

"You can't have a better tomorrow if you are thinking about yesterday all the time." Charles F. Kettering

"The present is the only time in which any duty may be done or grace received." C. S. Lewis

Time well invested; not wasted:

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon

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trainers to develop curriculum immersed in authentic and relevant project-based learning across all content areas. This is truly a significant opportunity for our students and staff, one that will have a profound impact on our school."

In fact as part of this grant, WMS Principal Katie Anne DeMars and DiLeo will be heading to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as they have been invited to go to hear Peter Senge talk about the five disciplines of a learning organization.

Ethan Berman, a founder of i2 Learning, has already visited the Ware schools and given a talk to staff about compassionate learning organizations. Berman ran RiskMetrics Group from startup to becoming a publicly-traded company until the company was sold in 2010.

"All of this is about hands-on learning," DiLeo said. "He talked about how we have the answers to a lot of questions at our fingertips with our phones and the Internet these days. Why are we testing them on that information? We should be teaching kids to be problem-solvers, to work together and to come up with real-life solutions. It's also about having fun in the class-

room."

The DESE and i2 Learning hope this program in Ware, and two other communities, will be an example of best practices in 21st century learning and then be rolled out to other school districts in the state, she said.

"Ware has the opportunity to help the commonwealth as it looks for a new prototype that delivers academic success through project-based learning," she said.

But DiLeo said while WMS is working on the hands-on learning, DiLeo and other school officials will be meeting with Holyoke Community College officials to work on the second phase of an early college grant. The grant must be submitted by Feb. 14, and Ware and HCC officials have several more meetings before that to finish their proposal.

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## Concerned citizen saves young pup

Second Chance takes pup, finds home for it

EAST BROOKFIELD – A young chihuahua is safe and sound at Second Chance Animal Services thanks to a good Samaritan.

The approximately seven-month-old male dog was spotted by the concerned citizen as his owner was about to abandon him in a box in a dumpster in Holyoke. The citizen confronted the owner, who said he was the last of a litter born last summer. The owner was unable to find someone to take this last pup and didn't know what else to do.

The dog went home with the rescuer, who told Second Chance he got along great with their own dog. Unfortunately, they don't have the time to devote to a puppy so they contacted Second Chance to make arrangements for the dog at their East Brookfield Adoption Center.

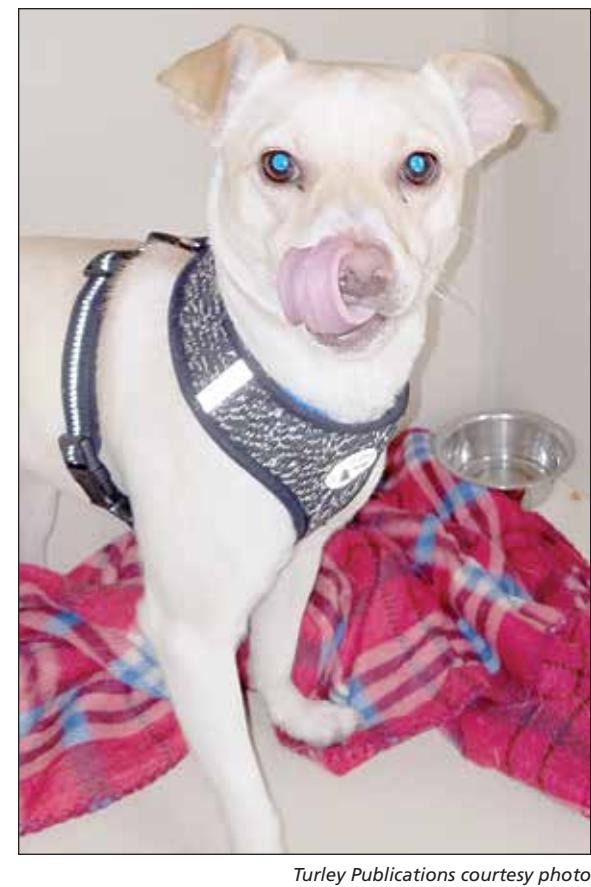
Second Chance CEO Sheryl Blancato is grateful not only that the rescuer stepped in, but that they knew where to turn for help the young chihuahua mix.

"Second Chance has so many resources to help keep pets in their homes, from our vaccine and spay/neuter clinics, to subsidized rates for qualified households at our veterinary hospitals and more," she said. "But we know sometimes people just can't keep a pet and that's why we'll always have an adoption center. We will always be here for pets like Tucker."

The Second Chance medical staff has already given Tucker a thorough check-up and updated his vaccines. He traveled to the Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospital in North Brookfield for his neuter surgery, the last step before he can be officially adopted. All adoptable pets at Second Chance are treated to a full range of medical attention that also includes heartworm/lyme/erlichia/anaplasmosis and fecal testing, heartworm and flea and tick preventatives and a microchip.

The young pup quickly stole the hearts of many at the adoption center and he will be going to his forever home this week.

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501c3 tax exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield



A seventh-month-old Chihuahua-mix puppy was rescued recently from a Holyoke dumpster and was taken care of by Second Chance Animal Services, who has found him a forever home.

and relies solely on donations from grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield, and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 40,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry.

For more information, visit Second Chance's website at [www.secondchanceanimals.org](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org).

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"We're definitely looking to reduce health disparities and promote community wellness, and improve access to care within our region," said Gray. "One of the things that we take very seriously is the assessment overtime of what the community is saying they have as healthcare needs."

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## Free throw challenge, Jan. 25

WARE – The Ware Knights of Columbus Council #183 will hold a basketball free throw challenge on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m., at the Ware Middle School gym for boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Registration is at 1 p.m., with challenge at 1:15 p.m. Parent or guardian is required for participation and they need to bring birth certificates for each child who is participating. This is a free event.

## STUDENT ACHIEVERS

### Brendan Rife recognized

HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA – James Madison University was pleased to celebrate approximately 1,000 graduates during the December commencement ceremonies, including Brendan Rife, of Ware, Massachusetts, who received a bachelor of science degree in hospitality management.

## Longtime deaconess to speak

NEW BRAINTREE – The Sunday, Jan. 26 worship service of the Tri-Parish Community Church will be held at 10 a.m. in the New Braintree Congregational Church. Lay speaker will be Ginny Rich, a long-time member and deaconess.

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which trees would work best for the land it'd be growing on.

The EQLT is a nonprofit land conservation organization based in Hardwick, and its partner organization in the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership, which has provided a \$252,000 grant from the U.S. Forest Service State and Private Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration program to plant 2,000 trees in Ware and Southbridge. The East Quabbin Land Trust is working with the Ware community to plant 1,000 trees in the urban areas of Ware, which began this past fall with the planting of a number of trees in Grenville Park. It will continue for a three-year period into 2022.

The goal of this project is to

## Dick and Rick Hoyt to be inducted in Hall of Fame

HOLLAND – Local father-and-son team, Dick and Rick Hoyt, who complete triathlons, marathons and other endurance events as a push-assist duo, will be inducted into the USA Triathlon Hall of Fame on Friday in Tempe, Arizona.

Rick Hoyt, who was born with cerebral palsy and spastic quadriplegia, communicates using an interactive computer. When he was a teenager, he told his father that he wanted to participate in five-mile benefit run for a lacrosse player who had been paralyzed in an accident. That was the beginning of the duo's racing career, and since then, they have completed more than 1,000 running and multi-sport events together.

Dick and Rick completed their first triathlon in 1985. They finished their first Ironman in 1987 in Penticton, B.C. In October of 1988, they went to Kona to take part in the Ironman World

Championship, but were unable to complete the swim. They went back to Kona in 1989, and completed the event, becoming the first duo ever to participate in and compete that iconic event. They also successfully finished the Ironman World Championship in 1999. To date, they remain one of only two push-assist teams ever to have completed Kona. To date, they have completed 257 triathlons together, including six Ironmans and seven Ironman 70.3 events.

There are now push-assist duos worldwide who take part in running races and triathlons because of Rick and Dick paving the way for them more than 30 years ago.

Area residents have seen them in any number of events, including the Boston Marathon and Team Hoyt races, some of which were held locally.

Sturbridge held a road race in honor of Rick Hoyt last year.



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## Ware nomination papers available

WARE – Town Clerk Nancy Talbot has announced that the last date to obtain and submit nomination papers is Monday, Feb. 24. All incumbents (listed as follows) have been notified of their term expirations.

The following peoples' terms are up:

Board of Selectmen, John Carroll and Tracy Opalinski. Carroll announced at the Jan. 7 selectmen's meeting he will not seek re-election after serving for nine years; School Committee, Aaron Sawabi;

Board of Assessors, Theodore Balicki; Board of Health, John Desmond, Park Commissioner, William Imbier; Cemetery Commissioner, Ryan Maslak; Planning Board, Frederick Urban and Ware Housing Authority, Henrietta Devlin.

The following offices will appear on the Annual Town Election Ballot:

Board of Selectmen, three-year terms, two positions open; School Committee, three-year term, one position open; Board of Assessors, three-year-term, one position open; Board of Health three-year term, one position open; Park Commissioner, three-year term, one position open; Cemetery Commissioner, three-year term, one position open; Planning Board, five-year term, one position open and Ware Housing Authority five-year term, with one position open.

## Public forum on Complete Streets program on Jan. 23

WARE – Join town officials for a public forum on Thursday, Jan. 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Board of Selectman Meeting Room at Ware Town Hall, 126 Main St. to discuss the work on a Complete Streets Prioritization Plan.

During the fall, the town introduced the Complete Streets Program and worked with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to overview the existing conditions and gather feedback from the community. At the Jan. 23 meeting, an overview of the public input received so far and the preliminary project list will be shared.

Complete Streets are those that provide safe and accessible options for all travel modes, walking, biking, transit and vehicles for people of all ages and abilities. The Complete Streets Program is a MassDOT-funded initiative to help municipalities make infrastructure improvements on municipally owned roadways to better serve all users.

Everyone's input is a vital part of identifying and refining key projects, so come learn about the program from the consultant team, Howard Stein Hudson, and share ideas.

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and the opportunities a regionalization effort would provide.

The consultant's employees conducted a review of school and town documents, interviewed school officials, Town Manager Stuart Beckley and selectmen to determine what the next steps would be.

The report does say that since Ware has not yet made a decision on what district it might regionalize with, it is difficult to pin down details. Quabaog Regional School District has expressed interest in exploring regionalization, but Quabbin Regional School District and Belchertown Public Schools have said they are not interested.

Part of the reason Quabbin might not be interested in regionalizing is that it would lose \$450,000 it receives annually for Ware School Choice students. Quabaog receives \$150,000 in School Choice money annually from Ware, but there might be bigger savings to both schools if they were to regionalize.

The consultants also said the type of regionalization has not been identified yet either and could be in the form of an agreement on certain services or a fully integrated regionalization.

Among the impediments to regionalization could be Ware's schools, which are fairly full and would have difficulty taking a lot of other students. The other school district or districts with which it might regionalize would have to be identified to see if there would be room for some or all of Ware's students at those schools.

Transportation and School Choice were identified as the biggest potential savings if regionalization were pursued.

The report also pointed to possible challenges in merging academic programs, technology networks and systems, employee-associated costs, and perhaps, most importantly, the willingness of the community to consider and pursue regionalization.

The report noted that during interviews it found that Ware has a "great sense of pride that exists in Ware regarding its schools. From athletics to academics, Ware's identity as a stand-alone is strong."

It also said should selectmen decided to proceed with the process, conversations about regionalization should be expanded at all level of the communities, and the School and Finance committees will need to discuss the issue to weigh the advantages and disadvantages.

## The benefits of local newspapers

**L**ocal newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

- **Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what's going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents' lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

- **Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses.** Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

- **Local newspapers can strengthen communities.** Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

- **Local newspapers can benefit children.** National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

than nonreaders. Additional studies have indicated that students who use newspapers in the classroom perform better on standardized reading tests than those who do not use newspapers in class.

Many local newspapers have played vital roles in their communities for decades, providing a go-to resource for local readers and business owners.

## 13 Weekly Newspapers Serving The Local Communities

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Journal Register • Quaboag Current • The Register • Sentinel • The Sun  
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# WNE Art Gallery to celebrate Black History Month

**SPRINGFIELD** – In celebration of Black History Month, Western New England University will present “Keeping the Arts Alive,” a program featuring artist and educator Don Blanton, from Jan. 26 to Feb. 27.

The gallery, located in the St. Germain Campus Center, will host a gallery talk Thursday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. followed by an artist reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m. All gallery events are free and open to the public.

Blanton works in a variety of media including sculpture, painting, and wearable art. He is known for his alabaster sculptures and is credited with the development of the feather stone technique, which gives the appearance of stained glass or marble when coated onto a natural product.

“Art enhances the value of life in so many people,” Do Blanton said. “That’s why I feel it is important to keep the arts alive.”

Blanton is also the creator and



The work of artist and educator Don Blanton will be on display in celebration of Black History Month at the Western New England University Art Gallery Jan. 26-Feb. 27.

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founder of the ArtEsteem program. Intended to foster self-esteem through the arts, the program can be individualized for specific

groups and promotes freedom of expression in a structured learning environment.

For information and directions

to the gallery visit [www.lwne.edu/student-activities/st-germain-campus-center.cfm](http://www.lwne.edu/student-activities/st-germain-campus-center.cfm) or call the University at 413-782-1203.

## Share the love of art on Feb. 15

**WARE** – Come feel the love at ArtWorks in February, when several of the area’s favorite local artists share the love stories that inspired some of their works. Enjoy a rare glimpse behind the canvas, and find out how these artists turned their love stories into remarkable works of art.

Bring your sweetheart and join us for a special Valentine-themed artists’ reception on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The artists’ work will be on display as well as their stories from Jan. 31 through Feb. 27 at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St. in Ware. ArtWorks is open on Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.. To learn more about ArtWorks, go online to [workshop13.org/gallery](http://workshop13.org/gallery), call 413-277-6069 or email [artworks@workshop13.org](mailto:artworks@workshop13.org).

## Scout ice fishing derby to be held Feb. 2

**WEST BROOKFIELD** – West Brookfield Boy Scout Troop 118 will hold its 44th annual Memorial Ice Fishing Derby on Sunday, Feb. 2, from 7:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., on Lake Wickaboag. If there is no ice then it will be held on Feb. 16.

Tickets are \$1 and are available from any Scout. It entitles each entrant to register a fish and participate in door prize drawing. Door prizes have been donated by local businesses and groups.

The prizes are for adults, four \$50 prizes - largest pickerel, bass, perch and pout. The prizes for youth under 15 are first, second and third place trophies in each category of pickerel, bass, perch and pout.

Awards and door prize drawings will be at 3 p.m.

Derby proceeds help pay for Scouts to attend summer camp at Treasure Valley Scout Camp.

This event held in memory of Mark Cook, Peter Coulthard, J. Irving England, Michael Higgins and Dick Shepardson.

## Help make comfort quilts

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – The public is invited to participate in the Comfort Quilts Service Project on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 108 New Braintree Road,, which is 2.2 miles north of the center of North Brookfield.

Over the last several years several hundred Comfort Quilts have been made and donated to local police, fire, and EMT departments for use by car crash, fire or other disaster victims. The quilts offer comfort and warmth at the scene of any type of distressing upheaval and provide a particularly vital sense of safety and solace for children involved in traumatic situations.

Community members are invited to join us as we put together even more comfort quilts. The task requires no particular skill, just a warm heart, an hour or two, and a smile. Refreshments are served to keep stomachs happy as we enjoy each other’s company and put together comfort quilts. For more information, call 508-867-9962.

## Smola supports ‘Nicky’s Law’

**BOSTON** – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is supporting the establishment of a statewide registry to help protect individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities from abuse by their caregiver.

Senate Bill 2367, also known as “Nicky’s Law,” directs the Disabled Persons Protection Commission to create a confidential registry that will include the names of all care providers found to have abused a disabled individual. The bill was amended by the House of Representatives with the substitution of a new text – House Bill 4296 – and engrossed on a vote of 154-0 on Jan. 15.

Nicky’s Law is named after Nicky Chan, a non-verbal individual who was beaten while attending a day program for people with intellectual disabilities in Millbury. Nicky’s mother, Cheryl, has been advocating for the cre-

ation of a registry since learning there is currently no mechanism in place to prevent an accused abuser from being rehired elsewhere.

Under Nicky’s Law, the Department of Developmental Services and employers will be required to consult the registry before hiring a caregiver, and prohibited from employing any person who is listed on the registry. Employers who fail to comply with the law could face a fine of up to \$5,000, the revocation of their license, the forfeiture of their state contract, or any combination of these penalties.

In addition to notifying DDS and the care provider’s last known employer of their placement on the registry, the DPPC will also be required to notify the care provider of their right to appeal the decision to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals. Individuals listed on the registry can petition the DPPC to remove

their name 5 years after their initial placement on the registry or 5 years after the conclusion of any prior petition to remove their name, whichever is later.

In Fiscal Year 2019, the State Police Detective Unit assigned to the DPPC reviewed 13,102 allegations of abuse, with 2,214 of these reports referred to the District Attorneys for further review or assignment for a criminal investigation. According to The Arc of Massachusetts, less than 10% of cases referred to District Attorneys actually result in charges against the abuser.

The Senate previously approved its own version of the caregiver registry on Oct. 17, 2019. Both branches will now work to reconcile the differences between the two bills. For additional information, please contact Smola at [Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov](mailto:Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov) or 617-722-2100.

## HITCHCOCK ACADEMY CALENDAR

### Monday, Jan. 27

**REMINDER:** Students can sign up for all classes and find more information regarding classes on the Hitchcock Academy’s website: [hitchcockacademy.org](http://hitchcockacademy.org).

**FAMILY FOUNDATION 5:** Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Monday: Playgroup 9 to 11 a.m.; bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at [union61@tantasqua.org](mailto:union61@tantasqua.org)

**WEIGHT WATCHERS:** Traditional Weight Watchers meetings. Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit [www.weightwatchers.com](http://www.weightwatchers.com) to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

**SEN-I JUDO CLUB:** 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413-279-4330.

**YOGA:** 7:15-8:45 p.m. This 90-minute Hatha Yoga practice will relax and rejuvenate you with guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat.

Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher

### Tuesday, Jan. 28

**ART GROUP:** 9 to 11:30 a.m. Bring your own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adventures.

**PILATES:** 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. A perfect class for those who wish to unwind right after work. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen

**PILATES:** 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. A great way to start the evening. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles. Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen

**GOAT CHEESE WITH JEN:** 6:30 to 8:00 PM Create fresh ricotta from goat milk and use herbs to flavor to meet your tastes. Instructor: Jen Poirier, Shepherd’s Gate Farm Fee: \$25 includes materials

### Wednesday, Jan. 29

**WATERCOLOR:** 9:30 to noon For all levels – ongoing watercolor classes with new paintings every three weeks. Instructor:

Beth Parys. For more information and to register call: 413-245-3295

**FAMILY FOUNDATION 5:** Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Music and Movement: 9 to 10 a.m.

**BUDDIES DOG TRAINING:** 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Six classes)

A dog training basics class for canines of all ages (puppies are welcome.) It provides positive

training methods, good management practices and problem-solving strategies. Vaccinations must be up to date. Fee: \$130 per dog.

Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified

K9 NoseWork® Instructor-National Association of Canine Scent Work

**PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS:** 6 to 8:30 p.m. Capture the highlights of the season with brilliant results by learning about light and exposure to capture fine details. (Second of two classes)

Instructor: Kevin Kopychynski; [www.nature-explorations.com](http://www.nature-explorations.com)

**K9 NOSEWORK®** 7 – 8:30 p.m. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145

Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified

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### Friday, Jan. 31

**A L C O H O L I C S ANONYMOUS:** Traditional open

AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Please see **ACADEMY**, page 8

## Gobi, Ashe announce release of Crumbling Foundation Commission Report

**BOSTON** – State Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and State Rep. Brian M. Ashe (D-Longmeadow) are pleased to announce the release of the report completed by the Special Commission to Study the Financial and Economic Impacts of Crumbling Concrete Foundations due to the Presence of Pyrrhotite. The Commission held five public meetings and welcomed the input of government officials, scientists and industry professionals before issuing its recommendations, which include several measures to prohibit the use of tainted concrete, further evaluate the extent of its impact, and remediate the structural damages and resulting financial burden of afflicted homeowners in Central Massachusetts.

As Senate Chair of the Special Commission, Gobi said, “I appreciate the work of the commission, our partners in Connecticut, and the professionals who assisted in this report.

The work, however, is just beginning. Too many homeowners are at risk and steps must be taken to assist them in retaining their homes. I will continue to advocate for them and to work with the administration and my legislative colleagues on the state and federal level to provide necessary relief.”

Ashe, House Chair of the Special Commission said, “Although I wish we never had to be in this position, it has been my privilege to co-chair this commission with Senator Gobi. I am grateful and want to thank all of the members for their work, dedication and unique talents that they each brought forth.

As we approach this problem with the homeowners being our top priority by trying to assist, educate and guide them through this process. We will continue to inform and educate residents from western and central Mass in an effort to make sure they understand the serious nature of this unfortunate but catastrophic issue. I am committed to continue working with Senator Gobi as we must now educate the legislature so they have a better understanding of how critical this is for many homeowners and the financial impact we are facing. Working with the legislature, our residents, realtors, banks, insurance companies, concrete professionals as well as the best science and geological experts, we will continue to study and try to rectify our current dilemma and prevent future occurrences.”

“I want to thank Senator Gobi, Representative Ashe and the Commission for their work,” said state Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow), who sponsored the amendment establishing the commission during the budget debate. “There have been far too many people affected by this issue, through no fault of

their own, and there are many more out there who do not yet even know that they are affected. The recommendations in this report provide a way to help make them whole and assure something like this doesn’t happen again.”

This Commission was established in the fiscal 2019 state budget after it was discovered that pyrrhotite, a mineral found in concrete originating from Becker’s Quarry in Wilmington, Connecticut, was causing residential foundations in many Central Massachusetts towns, extending as far as 44 miles from the Quarry, to deteriorate and crumble. The impacts of using this concrete have been significant in the state of Connecticut, which the Commission focused much of its study on. The Commission was tasked with several items, including:

Examining the degree to which concrete foundations are crumbling due to the presence of pyrrhotite.

Estimating the cost to fully restore concrete foundations damaged due to the presence of pyrrhotite.

Analyzing the effect of pyrrhotite has on property values and the resulting fiscal impact on property tax revenues.

Providing an analysis of the impact on the real estate industry.

Review of the best practices undertaken in other states which have faced this issue.

The Commission invited state officials, scientists and professionals from Connecticut to present their findings and actions taken to address and remediate the impacts of crumbling concrete foundations in Connecticut. The Commission also drew upon the expertise of its own members, which included legislators, Massachusetts residents impacted by crumbling foundations, local officials, and professionals in the construction, insurance, and real estate industries.

Based on its findings, the Commission recommended that the General Court pass legislation to enable captive insurance companies to conduct business in Massachusetts for the purpose of overseeing the evaluation, repair, replacement and reimbursement of qualified residential crumbling foundations, as well as to create a state Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund.

It also made recommendations focused on increasing awareness and remedies available to residents and impacted industries, testing and prohibiting the use of all concrete originating from quarries containing pyrite and pyrrhotite, requiring home sellers to disclose any foundation inspections or testing, and further collaboration with the insurance and real estate industries to assess and remediate the issue.

The Commission intends to hold a public hearing in the coming months to present the report and its recommendations. For more information on the report, please contact Senator Gobi’s office at 617-722-1540.

## LOCAL Opportunity IS KNOCKING

### EDITOR POSITION

Turley Publications is seeking an energetic person to fill the position of editor for two of its weekly publications, the *Journal Register*, which covers Palmer and surrounding towns, and the *Ludlow Register*. This full-time position is based in our Palmer office at 24 Water St.

The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills. They must also be able to manage a staff writer, including copy editing and guiding coverage. The editor is also expected to gather news and write stories for the two papers as well as for other companywide publications.

This is a job for a self-starter who has a vision for growing and connecting with our valued readers, and who enjoys community journalism.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent experience
- Willingness to mentor a staff writer and correspondents
- Own camera and photography experience preferred
- Editing experience and ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment
- Proficiency in Associated Press style
- Management experience and/or experience managing content for a print publication.

Please email resume and three writing samples directly to Eileen Kennedy Managing Editor at [eikenney@turley.com](mailto:eikenney@turley.com).

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## LOCAL Opportunity IS KNOCKING

### STAFF WRITER POSITION

Turley Publications is seeking an energetic person to fill the position of staff writer for two of its weekly publications: the *Ware River News*, which covers Ware, Hardwick and Warren, and the *Quaboag Current*, which covers the Brookfields, Sturbridge and New Braintree. This full-time position is based in our Ware office at 80 Main St. The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills or the enthusiasm to develop them.

The staff writer will cover municipal meetings, features and general news; essentially

# public safety

## Behind the Lines in Ware

By Melina Bourdeau  
Correspondent

### Man survives ketamine overdose

On Sunday, Jan. 12, Ware Police received a report of a possible overdose on ketamine. The caller said when she returned home that day, she found her son on the floor with white powder on the table. The man was reported to have hallucinations and was transported to Mary Lane. The calling party believed the drug was ketamine.

### Two arrested for possession to distribute

On Sunday, Jan. 12, a Ware police officer saw a car on side of the road with its hazard lights on. The officer reported recognizing

the driver from a previous arrest and knew the driver's license was suspended. When the officer approached the vehicle, they noted there were two other people in the car and a woman in the back of the car was acting weird. The officer also saw a syringe in the cupholder. The officer removed the driver from vehicle and secured the man, finding a pipe in his pocket along with a Brillo pad. Another man in car said he had nothing on him. The driver reported he handed the girl objects to put down her pants. The individuals had stashed drugs between the seat, and when the officer checked the vehicle packets of a white substance were found in between the seats and two more packets were tucked in center console. The female party said she had drugs down her pants and a female officer responded from Palmer to assist. The officers found bags of white powder on her person, which was labeled as the brand "Exit 4." Police report-

ed 113 bags of a white substance located in the vehicle, which tested positive for heroin.

### Gift card fraud

Ware police are warning people against scams involving gift cards, stating no one will ever request gift cards as payment for any government-related payment. Recently the department received reports about two incidents where people lost thousands of dollars. Ware police reported people have been getting calls about federal government housing assistance programs, which request people pay a processing fee using gift cards. The caller will request them to read the card off to the caller on the phone. Ware police report it is fake and advise not give the callers any information or make further contact, and should report any such incidents to the police department.

## Ware Police Log

### Thursday, Jan. 9

1:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written Warning  
1:18 p.m. Alarm Burglar Shoreline Drive – Services Rendered  
2 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered  
9:54 p.m. General Information North Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge

### Friday, Jan. 10

12:12 a.m. Parking Complaint Kingsberry Lane – Citation Issued  
1:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning  
2:01 a.m. Town By-Law Violation West Main Street – Citation Issued  
2:13 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Cottage Street – Citation Issued  
2:20 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Otis Avenue – Citation Issued  
4:13 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency  
9:32 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report East Main Street – Services Rendered  
11:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written Warning  
2:13 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillsdale Village – Services Rendered

4:24 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Services Rendered  
4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Pulaski Street – Written Warning  
6:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge

8:31 p.m. Disturbance Eddy Street – Investigated, Report Filed  
8:52 p.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency

9:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation North Street – Citation Issued

9:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation South Street – Citation Issued

9:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Written Warning

11:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge

### Saturday, Jan. 11

2:46 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Pulaski Street – Citation Issued  
2:51 a.m. Town By-Law Violation East Main Street – Citation Issued

10:22 a.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Referred to Other Agency

10:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Criminal

Complaint  
11:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Criminal Complaint Issued

### Sunday, Jan. 12

4:08 a.m. Alarm Burglar East Main Street – Services Rendered  
4:44 a.m. Fire, Report Pulaski Street – Services Rendered  
4:58 a.m. Accident, Vehicle West Warren Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000

9:04 a.m. Ambulance Request Warebrook Drive – Services Rendered

12:49 p.m. Ambulance Request Old Poor Farm Road – Referred to Other Agency

1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Belchertown Road – Citation Issued

1:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Belchertown Road – Citation Issued

2:04 p.m. Ambulance Request Beaver Lake Road – Services Rendered

5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Malboeuf Road – Citation Issued

6:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Anderson Road – Arrest, Felony Charge

10:15 p.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Plains Road – Investigated, Report Filed

10:21 p.m. Disturbance, West Street – Investigated, Report Filed

### Monday, Jan. 13

5:14 a.m. Silent, 911 Call North Street – Services Rendered  
7:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning

8:55 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered  
10:03 a.m. Fraud Aspen Street – Services Rendered

11:03 a.m. Fraud Pleasant Terrace – Services Rendered

12:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning

1:38 p.m. Ambulance Request Meadow Road – Services Rendered

2:16 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Services Rendered  
2:17 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Services Rendered

2:45 p.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Services Rendered  
2:56 p.m. Accident, Vehicle South Street – Services Rendered

4:10 p.m. Missing Person Ross Avenue – Investigation, Pending

7:07 p.m. Disturbance West Main Street – Investigated, Report Filed

7:59 p.m. Missing Person Ross Avenue – Investigated, Report Filed

7:43 a.m. Ambulance Request Wildflower Drive – Referred to Other Agency

### Tuesday, Jan. 14

1:22 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Referred to

Other Agency  
4:27 a.m. Ambulance Request Lois Street – Referred to Other Agency

4:43 a.m. Vandalism North Street – Investigated, Report Filed

4:45 a.m. Vandalism North Street – Investigation Pending

10:01 a.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Walker Road – Referred to Other Agency

10:25 a.m. Ambulance Request West Main Street – Services Rendered

11:08 a.m. Alarm Panic Belchertown Road – Services Rendered

11:28 a.m. Vandalism North Street – Services Rendered

12:22 p.m. Fraud West Street – Services Rendered

1:57 p.m. Fire, Report Greenwich Plains Road – Services Rendered

2:53 p.m. Vandalism Hillside Village – Services Rendered

3:13 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Walker Road – Investigated, Report Filed

4:49 p.m. Investigation North Street – Criminal Complaint Issued

5:22 p.m. Harassment Complaint Morse Avenue – Services Rendered

### Wednesday, Jan. 15

4:05 a.m. Parking Complaint Parker Street – Citation Issued

4:15 a.m. Parking Complaint Otis Avenue – Citation Issued

7:33 a.m. Ambulance Request Anderson Road – Referred to Other Agency

10:42 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered

11:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Citation Issued

11:39 a.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered

12:28 p.m. Ambulance Request Church Street – Services Rendered

1:36 p.m. Fraud Glendale Circle – Advised Contact Police If Repeated

9:23 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered

9:50 p.m. Ambulance Request Anna Street – Services Rendered

### Thursday, Jan. 16

1:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning

2:03 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Dale Street – Citation Issued

2:07 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Bellevue Avenue – Citation Issued

2:13 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Smith Avenue – Citation Issued

7:43 a.m. Ambulance Request Wildflower Drive – Referred to Other Agency

### Friday, Jan. 17

6:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Hit and Run Grove

## Warren Police Log

### Sunday, Jan. 12

10:42 a.m. Parking Violation Milton O. Fountain Way – Parking Citation Issued

12:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Ware Road – Criminal Complaint Summons: Lynda S. Sweeney, 39, Spencer

Uninsured Motor Vehicle

5:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

6:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

7:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

7:50 p.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike Eastbound – Call Transferred

8:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

11:16 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Cronin Road – Services Rendered

### Monday, Jan. 13

12:36 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued

12:43 a.m. Parking Violation North Street – Citation Issued

10:45 a.m. Fire, Structure Southbridge Road – Fire Extinguished

1:40 p.m. Illegal Dumping Town Farm Road – Investigated

3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident No Fire/EMS Response

Milton O. Fountain Way – Officer Spoke to Party

5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

10:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

11:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

1:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

1:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

4:30 p.m. Serve Warrant Coy Hill Road – Arrest(s) Made

Arrest: Candi A. Dumas, 45, Warren

Warrant

Arrest: Brian E. Dumas, 44, Warren

Warrant

8:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued

11:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

6:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

12:52 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued

10:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident No Fire/EMS Response

Milton O. Fountain Way – Report Filed

### Tuesday, Jan. 14

12:52 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued

10:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident No Fire/EMS Response

Milton O. Fountain Way – Report Filed

### Wednesday, Jan. 15

12:52 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued

10:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident No Fire/EMS Response

Milton O. Fountain Way – Report Filed

### Thursday, Jan. 16

12:52 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued

10:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident No Fire/EMS Response

Milton O. Fountain Way – Report Filed

### Friday, Jan. 17

12:52 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued

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Milton O. Fountain Way – Report Filed

### Saturday, Jan. 18

12:52 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued

10:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident No Fire/EMS Response

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# obituaries

## Heather D. Hay

HARDWICK – Heather D. Hay, 51, of Hardwick, passed away on Sunday Jan. 19, at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Worcester after a long health battle. Heather was born on Vandenberg Air Force Base in California but was a lifelong resident of Ware (Hardwick Pond). Heather is survived by her parents, John and Carol Hay, of Hardwick, her brother, John, sister-in-law, Denise, and nephew, JD, of St. Augustine, Florida; her sister, Andrea, brother-in-law, Gary, nephew, David, and niece, Lauren,

of Poughkeepsie, New York. Heather was a Pro Merito honor society member at Ware High School where she went on to teach science for 17 years. Heather was a lifelong student and educator. She received her bachelor's degree from Smith College and went on to secondary degrees in biotechnology at Worcester State University and a master's degree in writing from UMass. Heather

frequently collaborated to write curriculum for area schools. Heather loved to teach and cared deeply for her students. When she was not teaching Heather enjoyed creative writing, cats, cars and spending time with her niece and nephews. "Hoppin' Heather" will be greatly missed by her friends and family.

A private remembrance will be held by her family.



## Stephen Perniciaro

WARE – Stephen Perniciaro, of Ware, died Jan. 16, 2020, at the age of 66 after battling cancer. We wish to thank all the wonderful people at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute who cared for him.



Stephen was born Feb. 22, 1953 in New Britain, Connecticut to Antonio and Reah (LaVallee) Perniciaro. His family moved to Vermont when Stephen started high school. He attended Chester High School and Hinckley School in Hinckley, Maine.

Stephen graduated from Amherst College with a degree in fine arts. He joined ROTC while at Amherst. He spent three years in Germany as an artillery officer and several years in the Army Reserves upon returning to the states. Stephen attained a professional engineering degree and spent 35 years working in the firearms industry. His last few years he worked at Tsubaki Power Transmission LLC in Holyoke.

Stephen had many interests: among them camping, hunting, firearms, karate (earning a 2nd degree black belt) science fiction and was

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## Death notices

**Hay, Heather D.**  
Died Jan. 19, 2020  
A private remembrance will be held by her family.

**Perniciaro, Stephen**  
Died Jan. 16, 2020  
No services  
Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Homeowners, Palmer

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an accomplished pianist. He was an avid reader, a true student of life and enjoyed teaching others. A Renaissance man. He had a personality that left no question about where he stood on anything. One of his greatest joys was having his family around him.

Stephen married Shirleen Harrington in 1973. They were married for 46 years. He is survived by his wife, son, Giuseppe, daughter-in-law, Alissa, and two grandsons, Giovanni and Matteo. Also his sister, Dawn Perniciaro Brown and her husband, Robert Brown, of Naples, Florida and Chester, Vermont. and extended family.

There is to be no service. Raise a glass of wine to celebrate Stephen's life and all the people he touched during his time. He was the real deal.

For more information or to sign the online guest book, visit www.beersandstory.com.

4125. To make an appointment at the Blood Donor Center, call 413-794-4600.

For more information, and to see where the bloodmobile will be throughout western Massachusetts, visit baystate-health.org/services/blood-donor.

## Baystate Medical Center to hold free 'Heart & Vascular Health' lecture series

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Medical Center will hold its popular free Heart & Vascular Health Lecture Series during the month of February, beginning on Feb. 2 with interventional cardiologist Dr. Amir Lotfi of the hospital's Heart & Vascular Program.

Dr. Lotfi's session, "Watchman and CTO: Advances in Care for the Treatments of Atrial Fibrillation and Complete Total Occlusion," will provide an update on how scientific advances are allowing for alternative treatment for AFib and complete coronary artery occlusion.

The Heart & Vascular Health Lecture Series, presented by the Baystate Heart & Vascular Program as part of American Heart Month, will focus on presentations designed by Baystate Medical Center physicians to inform those attending on the latest advances in heart and vascular care and how they can maintain or improve their heart and vascular health.

All lectures will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the Baystate Health Education Center, 361 Whitney Ave., Holyoke.

The free lectures continue on Feb. 9 with heart failure specialist Dr. Leeor Jaffe of Baystate's Heart & Vascular Program, who will present "CardioMEMS and Heart Failure: Latest Technology To Improve Care for Patients with Heart Failure." Dr. Jaffe will discuss heart failure and the implications of a weakened heart, and will provide an update in technology, including a simple device that can detect concerns before symptoms arise.

Vascular surgeon Dr. Yiming Avery Ching of Baystate Vascular Services will present "PAD and Carotid Disease: Symptoms, Diagnosis, and Best Therapies for Vascular Disease" on Feb. 16. His presentation will focus on symptoms and when to seek treatment for peripheral arterial disease and

disease of the carotid artery. Those attending will learn about the most effective treatment available to improve symptoms and minimize other health risks.

The series will conclude on Feb. 23 with "Heart Disease Hot Topics: Vaping, E-Cigarettes, Marijuana and Alcohol – Harmless or Destructive? What Patients with Heart Disease Need To Know." The session will be led by preventive cardiologist Dr. Quinn Pack of Baystate's Heart & Vascular Program.

Heart healthy light refreshments will be served at the lectures and educational handouts on heart and vascular health will be provided. Parking is free and registration is required for each session by visiting baystatehealth.org/events, or calling 413-794-5200.

To learn more about Baystate Medical Center's life-saving cardiac capabilities, visit www.baystate-health.org/bhvp.

## Pope Francis Prep receives \$2M gift

SPRINGFIELD – Pope Francis Preparatory School recently announced a \$2 million gift from an anonymous alumnus. The gift, one of the largest single gifts received in the history of Pope Francis Prep and their legacy schools, Cathedral High School and Holyoke Catholic High School, will support the school's operational budget and is unrestricted, allowing Pope Francis Prep to direct the funds to its highest priorities and areas of impact.

"We are honored and deeply grateful to this donor for such generosity," said Head of School, Dr. Paul Harrington. "A gift of this magnitude is transformative for Pope Francis Prep. To provide our school with such a generous gift, demonstrates this donor's confidence in Catholic education and our potential for even greater positive impact on students' lives and of those they will affect in the future."

The unrestricted gift will be the founding donation for the Pope Francis Preparatory School Legacy Fund and will be maintained in an investment account owned by Pope Francis Preparatory School and managed by Merrill Lynch.

## Quabbin Visitor Center Winter programs

BELCHERTOWN – The Quabbin Visitor Center will explore the many dimensions of Quabbin Reservoir and will have programs on related topics including: "Regional Consequences of Global Warming" on Feb. 9, "Discovering the Other Lost Valley" on Feb. 16, "Quabbin Enters the Digital Age" on Feb. 23, "Voyagers, Visitors and Home" on March 1, "The National Ecological Observatory Network: Open Data to Understand How Our Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecosystems Are Changing" on March 8, "Fabric, Factories and Fashion: A History of Textiles in the Quabbin Valley" on March 15, "Ticks and Tick-

Born Diseases in MA and Across the U.S." on March 22, and "Walk the Milky Way" on March 29 (7:30 p.m. with Reservations required). Unless otherwise noted, the programs begin at 2 p.m.

The Quabbin Visitor Center is located in the DCR Quabbin Administration Building at the west end of Winsor Dam in Belchertown. Access to the Center is through the Main (West) Quabbin Park entrance on Route 9, three miles east of the Route 9/Route 202 intersection. Seating and attendance are limited and on a first come, first serve basis. For further information regarding the program, please contact the Center at 413-323-7221.

## Springfield Armory National Historic Site to be temporarily closed

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Armory National Historic Site visitor center and museum will be closed to visitors Feb. 3 through March 31. The closure will allow for the park to complete critical systems upgrades. The National Park Service has contracted the services of Gardner Construction & Industrial Services, Inc. to com-

plete the \$1.6 million project.

Park officials have determined that the Springfield Armory museum will need to be closed temporarily to conduct the work. Kelly Fellner, superintendent of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site and Coltsville National Historical Park said,

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# Statewide student essay competition commemorates Mayflower anniversary

BOSTON — Four hundred years ago, the Mayflower landed on the shores of what would later be known as Massachusetts, forever changing the course of history of four nations: the U.S., England, the Netherlands and the Wampanoag.

American Ancestors — also known as New England Historic Genealogical Society — a national family history organization headquartered in Boston and one of the groups leading activities to commemorate the quadricentennial of the landing of the Mayflower, has announced a statewide student competition in Massachusetts to honor the story of the Pilgrims and of the native Wampanoag people. The 2020 American Ancestors Young Historians Essay Contest

asks students to explore how this 400-year-old history relates to our national, familial and personal stories and identities.

Open to students currently enrolled in grades 5–12 in public, private and parochial schools, and those in home-study programs across the Bay State, the contest asks participants to address one of three topics: How is the story of the Mayflower still relevant today?; How does your family's journey to America compare to the journey of the Pilgrims in 1620?; and as a native student, what does your tribal history mean to you?

American Ancestor's Director of Education Ginevra Morse described the statewide competition as an opportunity to honor the story of the Pilgrims and of the native Wampanoag people.

country itself. These stories are still relevant today," Morse said.

"Involving some of the youngest minds in a process of reflection upon this historic event will lead to new insights and understanding for historians of all ages. We're delighted to offer an opportunity for Massachusetts students to interpret and express the significance of the Mayflower voyage in their own words. We have no doubt that it will be revealing for many of us," she added.

A panel of judges will announce winners of the 2020 American Ancestors Young Historians Essay Contest in early August. Cash prizes will be awarded to six winners; three winners will be selected from grades 5–8 and receive \$500 each and another three winners will be selected from grades 9–12 and receive \$750 each. All winners will be invited to present part of their essay at special events in Boston commemorating the Mayflower's 400th year anniversary.

The deadline for essay submissions is June 10. Submission guidelines may be found at [mayflower.americanancestors.org/essay-contest](http://mayflower.americanancestors.org/essay-contest), the Mayflower companion website of American Ancestors.

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## Brouillette – McQuaid

TOWNSEND – Samantha Brouillette, of Townsend, and Jacob McQuaid, of Lunenburg, were married on Saturday Oct. 26, 2019, at St. John's Church in Townsend. The proud parents are Marianne and Robert Brouillette, of Townsend, and Joanne and Douglas McQuaid, of Lunenburg.

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"We are excited to embark on this long awaited project to upgrade the Armory infrastructure systems and ensure the ongoing protection and preservation of the building, museum, and collections."

During the museum closure visitors will still be able to walk the historic grounds, which encompass

Springfield Technical Community College. In addition, the park ranger staff is taking this opportunity to collaborate with the Springfield Museums and the Springfield Downtown Visitor Center to offer special programs about Springfield Armory. More information regarding programs and events will be posted at the website [www.nps.gov/spar](http://www.nps.gov/spar) or at [www.facebook.com/sparnhs](http://www.facebook.com/sparnhs).

Springfield Armory National Historic Site is the location of the nation's first armory (1794 – 1968) and was established by George Washington. The site includes historic grounds, buildings, and the world's largest historic American military firearms collection. For updates and further information call 413- 734-8551, check the website at [www.nps.gov/spar](http://www.nps.gov/spar) or go to [www.facebook.com/sparnhs](http://www.facebook.com/sparnhs).



### Elizabeth Balboni - Veterinary Technician

Elizabeth grew up in Southborough Ma. She has always had a love and desire to work in the animal field. After high school, she attended Becker College and graduated in May 2016 with a BS in Veterinary Science and AS in Veterinary Technology. While attending Becker College, she also worked at Southborough Veterinary Hospital as a technician. Liz continued to work at Southborough Veterinary Hospital for 9 years.

Recently she relocated to North Brookfield with her fiance' Ryan and her elderly Shih Tzu "Sasha." She has recently joined our team at Canterbury Tails Veterinary Clinic and we are so happy to have her! She also spends some of her time at our Belchertown Veterinary Hospital location as well. When not working , she enjoys baking and cooking as a hobby. She is looking forward to meeting you and your pets and providing compassionate care.



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## Auditions announced for Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast'

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College's Theatre at the Mount (TAM), 444 Green St., announces auditions for the children's musical Disney's "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Director Emily Smith, music director Debbie Moylan and choreographer Bryan Landgren are looking for a large ensemble of children and teens (age 8 - 18) with singing, dancing and acting ability.

Auditions will be held by appointment only on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. for ages 8-12 and 1 p.m. for ages 13-18. To schedule an appointment, people may call the Theatre at the Mount Box office at 978-630-9388, or email an appointment request to [box-office@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:box-office@mwcc.mass.edu). Auditions will be held in room 182.

Auditions will consist of singing and dancing auditions. Vocal selection and dance combination will both be taught at the audition. Some performers will also be asked to do cold-readings from the script.

Performances of "Beauty and the Beast" are April 7, 8 and 9, at 9:30 a.m., and at noon; April 10, at 9:30 a.m. (for school groups); April 5 ,at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; April 10, at 7 p.m. (for the general public.) Tentative rehearsal schedule is Sunday afternoons, Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning Feb. 11.

For more information, people may contact Professor Gail Steele at 978-630-9162 or visit the Theatre at the Mount website at [www.mwcc.edu/tam](http://www.mwcc.edu/tam).

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## Panthers sweep series against Ware

**By Tim Peterson**  
*Sports Correspondent*

WARE – For the second time in 2020, the Palmer girls varsity basketball team celebrated a victory against archrival Ware.

Following an evenly played first half between the two neighboring high schools, the Lady Panthers built a double digit lead five minutes into the third quarter with the help of a 15-2 run. The Lady Indians did battle back and got as close as three points a couple of times during the fourth quarter, but the Lady Panthers hang on for a 58-51 road win, last Saturday afternoon.

"To beat one of our biggest rivals twice in the same season is just a great feeling," said Palmer junior center Kendall Levasseur, who scored a season-high 13 points. "We created a new offense this year and most of our points are scored from inside the paint. This is one of our biggest wins so



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com

Cherie Dubbe looks to pass.

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The Lady Indians rebound crew led by Olivia Vadnais.

## Panthers win OT thriller over Tigers

**By Karen A. Lewis**  
*Sports Correspondent*

BARRE - Word to the wise – don't ever count the Quabbin boys varsity basketball team out.

Hometown fans were treated to quite a show last Thursday night when they witnessed a thrilling come from behind win in overtime against the Tyngsboro Tigers 48-44, to improve their overall record to 8-2.

"It is always exciting to win; but coming back from a 17-point deficit at the half made it that much more special, being able to grind it out with the team," said senior captain Croix Jenkins. "Nobody lost faith in each other, and it was a special moment to be a part of."

After the most recent losses to Narragansett and Oakmont, topped off with a 23-6 score where the Panthers were trailing heading into the locker room against Tyngsboro (8-3 overall) at halftime, things were looking pretty grim.

"There was no panic or distress," said Quabbin head coach Dennis Dextradeur. "We have been there before with slow starts and while it isn't something we want to experience, we also recog-



Quabbin senior Dylan Hoekstra keeps his hands on the ball while a Tyngsboro player fights for it.

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## Quabbin gets on the mat for Midland Duals

**By Karen A. Lewis**  
*Sports Correspondent*

BARRE - Quabbin was a flurry of activity on Saturday, Jan. 11 as they held the 11th Annual

Quabbin Midland Duals, with eight schools, some traveling quite a distance, to participate.

And although the Panther wrestlers have done better in previous years, the host team only

saw personal wins, as this young team still works hard to earn team victories.

"Overall I thought as a team we showed improvement," Quabbin head wrestling coach Mike Adams said. "We had many wrestlers, whether they won or lost look much better than they have."

Between the seven teams visiting – Quabbin being the eighth team, the competition hit each division from one through three, with the Panthers facing three mainly larger schools with bigger populations to draw from, the exception – neighboring Athol.

As Quabbin unfortunately could not improve their 1-10 overall team record, their first battle against Athol (lost 48-18) saw two Quabbin pins. Junior Kenny Stolgitis (120) and middle school student Cole Wilson (106) both



Panther junior Kenny Stolgitis gets ready to wrestle a Dracut opponent.

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## Dorman's paces Cougars to win

**By Chris Droschn**  
*Sports Correspondent*

WARREN – There are times when dominance is the correct word to use when describing a sports event. That word was truly the word to use when the Quaboag High School Cougars took on the Auburn High School Rockets at home last Monday. The girls varsity basketball game would be lopsided, and Quaboag would come out on top 44-28.

The game started as any other, and Quaboag built a 9-5 lead with 3:50 to go on the first quarter. By the end of the first quarter, the lead would swell to 17-7.

"We just had so much energy right from the start," head coach William Beauregard said after the game. "When you play with that kind of energy and enthusiasm and you have that much fun, they just executed really well."

It was clear that the energy was there right from the start. The first half saw Quaboag build a lead of 33-8 by the end of it and dominated on both sides of the ball. The team would end the half with the 33 points as well as 7 defensive rebounds.

Senior Kiarra Dorman set the tone for most of the game, but especially the first half. She put up 12 points and had 4 rebounds on defense as well. Auburn didn't seem to have an answer for her, as by the end of the game she had scored 16 of the team's 44 points.

The game also saw junior Sydney Corfey hit three shots from the three-point line and

Please see **COUGARS**, page 12

## Basketball Hall of Fame renovations enter final phase

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced it has entered the final phase of its more than \$23 million refurbishment of the museum which launched in early 2018. The museum will be closed to the public from Monday, Feb. 3 to Wednesday, March 25 as the iconic Jerry Colangelo Court of

Dreams will be fully redeveloped, along with implementation of new interactive areas around the court. Additionally, the Hall's second floor will be deconstructed for a full transformation during this time.

"The Hall of Fame renovation has been underway since early 2018 and we are very excited to share our progress with the people

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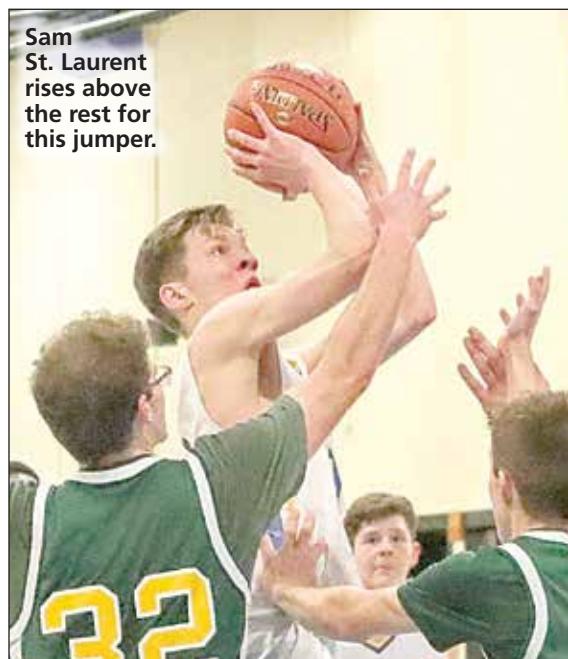
Alex Bergeron dribbles down the line.



Jordan Talbot goes in for a layup.



Isaiha Perez drives to the basket.



### PIONEERS ACTION

PALMER – Last Thursday evening, the Pathfinder High School boys basketball faced St. Mary's for the first time in Tri-County League action. The Pioneers have been struggling this season, and have yet to come up with a victory this season.



Nick Pappaceno fights to control the ball.





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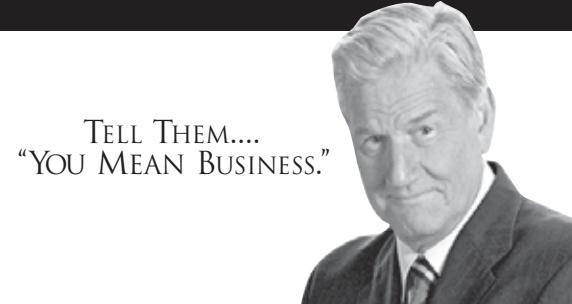
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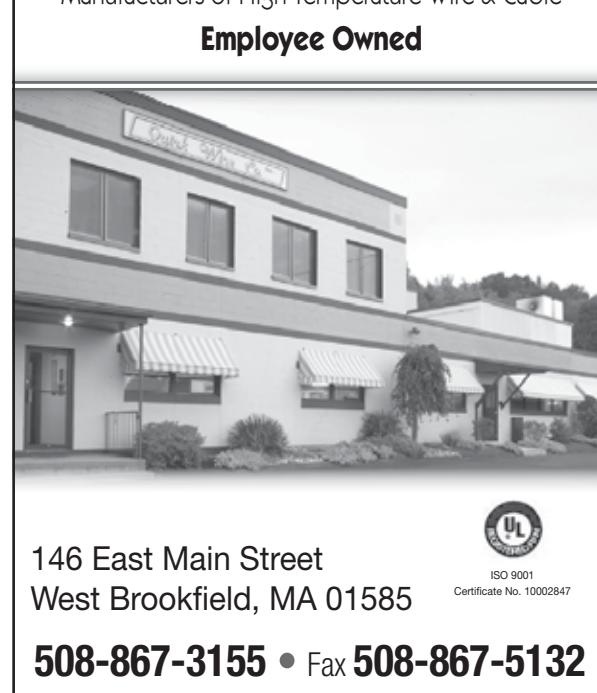
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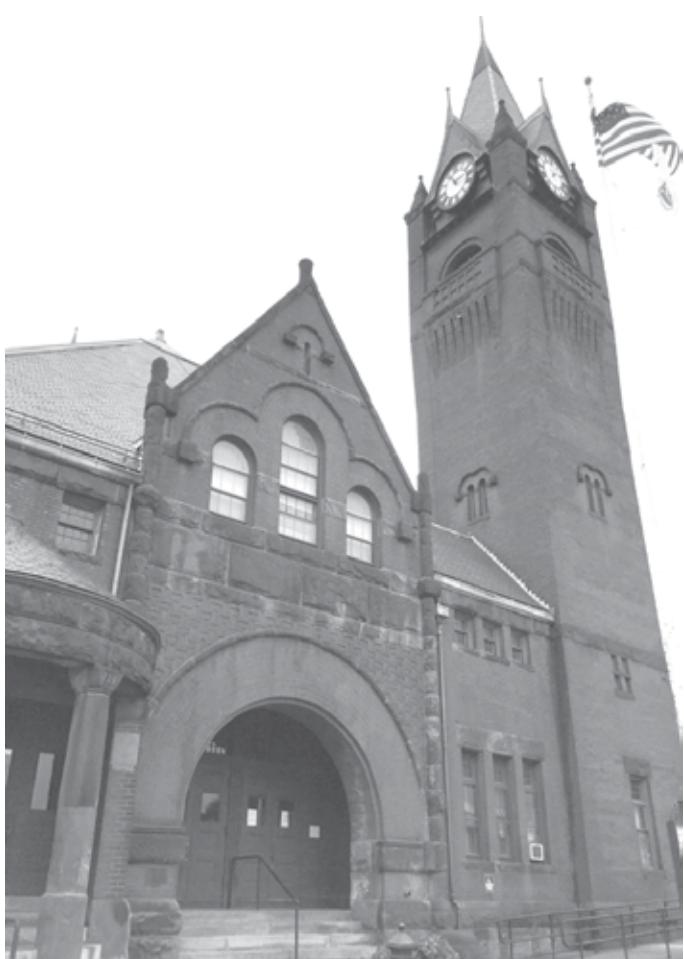
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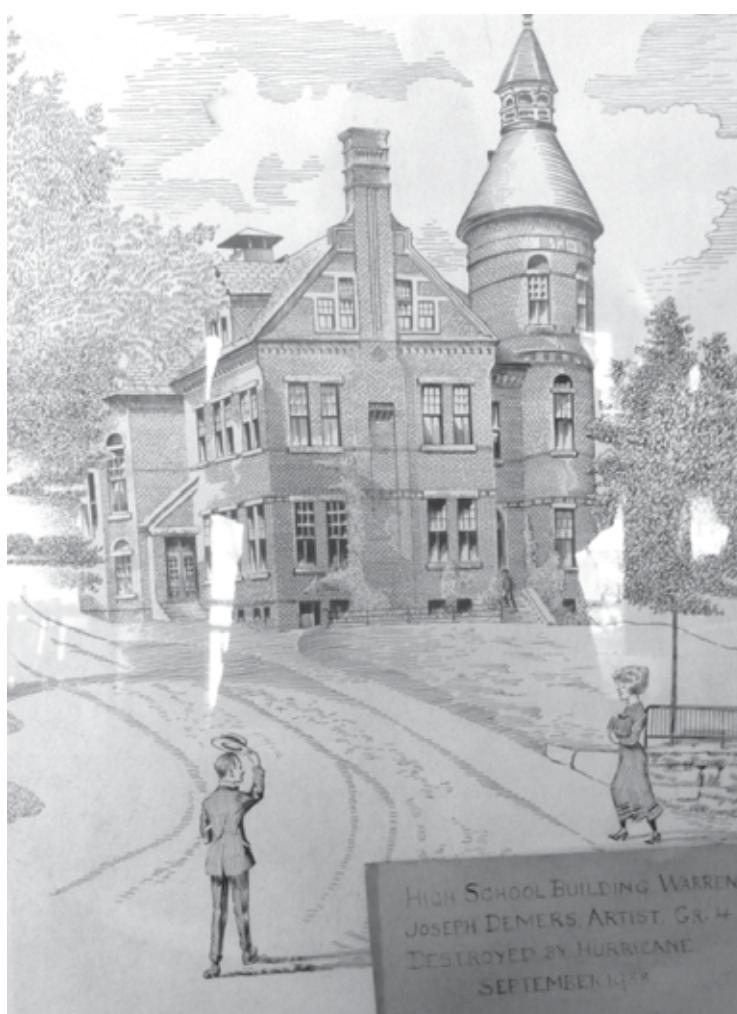
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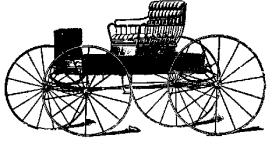
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Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and an employment application to: Town of Barre DPW, 441 Wheelwright Rd., Barre MA 01005 no later than Friday, February 7, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. For further information, please contact the DPW Administrative Assistant, Shannon O'Connor, at **978-355-5013** or via Email to [dpw@townofbarre.com](mailto:dpw@townofbarre.com). A.A./E.O.E.

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**TOWN OF WARE, MASSACHUSETTS BARNES STREET DISINFECTION PIPE LOOP**

The Town of Ware is seeking bids for the "Barnes Street Disinfection Pipe Loop" project.

Sealed Bids for the General Contract will be received from General Contractors for the construction of Barnes Street Disinfection Pipe Loop at the Ware Town Hall 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 until **11:00 AM on Thursday, February 6th, 2020** and at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project includes the installation of a 12-inch ductile iron pipe approximately 40-feet in length, installation of 24-inch ductile iron pipe loop approximately 250-feet in length, installation of a new sample tap, and associated valves, fittings, and appurtenances. The time for completion of the

Contract is **90** calendar days.

The bidding and award of this Contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 39M. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Each General Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid for a period of thirty (30) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays after the actual date of the opening of the General Bids. This advertisement does not obligate the Owner for any costs associated with preparing or submitting bids.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

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**AKA Ryan Carey** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.C. 50 §3901 (et seq):

**MidFirst Bank,**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered **14 Barnes Street**, given by **Ryan D. Carey** to **Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.**, as nominee for **Family Choice Mortgage Corporation**, its successors and assigns, dated **July 9, 2004**, and recorded in **Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 7895, Page 158**, as affected by a **Loan Modification dated July 12, 2018**, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 13069, Page 325, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant/s/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER** Chief Justice of this Court on January 14, 2020

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder (19-012721 Orlans)

1/23/2020

to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for FPF Wholesale, a division of Stearns Lending, Inc., dated August 26, 2010 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 10281, Page 216, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for FPF Wholesale, a division of Stearns Lending, Inc., dated August 26, 2010 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 10281, Page 216, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for FPF Wholesale, a division of Stearns Lending, Inc., dated August 26, 2010 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 10281, Page 216, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for FPF Wholesale, a division of Stearns Lending, Inc., 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